

## EFFECTIVE

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## Subject(s)

1. When to seek a medical examination.
2. Medically fragile children.
3. Parental consent for medical examination.

1) When to Seek a  
Medical  
Examination

**PSM 713-04, When to Seek a Medical Examination**

Medical examinations are required for children under the age of six, **or** who are physically or developmentally disabled, **or** have any of the following medical/mental health needs **and** the following conditions apply:

- Parent, child, or caretaker has provided an explanation of the bruises or injuries that are not believable or are suspicious.
- The child has unusual bruises, marks, or signs of extensive or chronic physical injury.
- The child has physical or medical needs that appear to be unmet by the parents or caregivers.
- The child appears to be fearful of parents or caregivers or exhibits other characteristics such as withdrawal or anxiety that indicate that the child feels threat of harm.
- The child's caregiver is/has been a perpetrator of severe physical injury.
- Death of a sibling due to abuse or neglect.

*Reason:* CPS Program Office recommendation.

2) Medically Fragile  
Children

**PSM 713-04, Medically Fragile Children**

Medically fragile children are vulnerable to abuse and neglect. These conditions are often difficult to identify and therefore contact

with the primary care physician is required, as are contacts with collateral sources. Collateral contacts required include medical professionals, school professionals, and other community resources knowledgeable of the child's needs. When uncertainty remains after contact with collateral sources, a medical exam is required.

*Reason:* Office of Children's Ombudsman recommendation

### 3) Parental Consent for Medical Examination

#### **PSM 713-04, Parental Consent for Medical Examination**

Parents maintain the authority to consent for a medical examination or second opinion. Occasionally, parents do not agree with the request to have their child medically examined or obtain a second medical opinion. Workers should engage with parents to eliminate barriers. If a medical examination or second opinion is needed to assess child safety, and the parent refuses consent, determine if a court order is needed.

*Reason:* CPS Program Office recommendation.

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INSTRUCTIONS

**Changed Items ...**

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